

MISSIONS: LOCAL AND GLOBAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- for **Connie Hung**, our commissioned missionary with New Life Prison Community in Iowa.
 - ~ There were a few cases of Covid 19 popping up in ICIW women's prison and other men's prisons but is under control. Pray the reopening will not push back.
 - ~ Continue praying for all the incarcerated believers: that they will not be discouraged and that the Lord may strengthen them daily. May they find favor with the officials as they serve the Lord in holding Sunday Services, Bible Study and witnessing.
 - ~ **I thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to spend a couple of months with my younger son and his family in California. I am able to minister to them in Jesus' love and grace. I apologize that I am not able to send each one of you Christmas cards and update letters. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for your support to the prison ministry. Lives are changed because of your prayers and support. I wish you and your family a very joyful Christmas as we celebrate the purpose of God sending His one and only son to be our Savior. Have a safe and healthy 2022. See you all in January!**

Commissioned Missionary Support Status

	Monthly Need From FBC	2021 Average Monthly Giving
Mike & Jessica Cantonwine	TBD.....	\$794.00
Connie Hung	\$3,000.00.....	\$2,856.00
Lance & Katie Knight	\$2,500.00.....	\$2,577.00
Tracy & Brenda Lesan	\$3,475.00.....	\$3,842.00
John & Lois North.....	\$4,000.00.....	\$3,528.00
Jack & Louanne Ryon	\$3,200.00.....	\$3,623.00

YOUR CHURCH and its FINANCES

Weekly General Fund Budget Needs	\$16,199.00
Last Sunday's Giving (General Fund).....	\$36,862.00
Average General Fund Giving for 2021	\$17,285.72
Last Sunday's Missions Giving (not part of General Fund)	\$10,835.00
Last Sunday's Facilities Fund Giving.....	\$65.00

If the Lord lays on your heart a desire to support the ministries of Faith Bible Church financially, you may place your offering in one of the offering boxes (located in the foyer and in the sanctuary) or you can give online at faithb.org.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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For a complete church calendar and more information, including staff and church officers, visit faithb.org



Welcome to
Faith Bible Church
December 12, 2021

Making disciples and equipping them to
become fully devoted followers of Christ.

SUNDAY AT FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

*Live Streaming the 9:00 AM service on
Facebook Live and on Faithb.org*

Breakfast Fellowship Time

8:15 - 8:55 AM in the gym

Sunday School (2 yr. olds through 5th grade)

9:00 - 10:15 AM

Sunday Crossroads (6th grade -12th grade)

9:00 - 10:15 AM

Preschool Only Sunday School

10:15 - 11:55 AM (see maps for rooms)

Children's Christmas Program Practice

10:15 - 11:55 AM in the gym

Adult Bible Fellowships

9:00 - 10:15 AM and 10:45 - 11:55 AM

Today's Worship Services 9:00 & 10:45 AM

Steve Benton Speaking
"The Spirit Brings Joy"
Luke 1:39-56

Next week:

Steve Benton speaking
Luke 1:57-80

CONNECTING IN ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS ON SUNDAY MORNING

If you have any questions about these groups, contact the church office or Pastor Chris.

- The Builders - Parents with children of all ages in the home
9:15 AM, Room 143
- WIT - Bible literacy & Christian worldview
9:00 AM, Chapel
- The Edge - College & Career
10:45 AM, Room 128
- PrayerWorks Fellowship - Prayer focused group
10:45 AM, Room 125 (next to the nursery)

STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATES

Wed, Dec 15: MS & HS Crossroads Christmas Parties: best dressed contest, white elephant gift exchange, food, & more! Bring a friend!

No Crossroads Dec 22 and 29! Have a very merry Christmas!

No Sunday Crossroads Dec 26 and Jan 2!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES:

Children's Christmas Program, December 19, 5 PM

Saturday practice times (for those who have been attending 10:45 AM Rehearsals)

Saturday, **December 18**, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, sanctuary (Pizza party following)

Practices for preschool children (2 years - 5 years)

These children practice during the 9 AM and 10:45 AM services and do not have any Saturday practices. Preschoolers only need to attend one of the services to practice and be a part of the Christmas program on December 19.

On Sunday, December 19, older participants should arrive by 4:30 PM in the chapel. Preschool children need to be in Room 108 by 4:45 PM.

Light Meal Following the Children's Program:

If your child is in the program, please bring these items to share to the kitchen on the day of the program for the meal following the program. The church will provide sandwiches. Families with last names starting with:

A-L: Bring a tray of fruit or vegetables

M-Z: Bring three dozen cookies

Please note: If you have more than one child participating, we ask that you bring extra.

No AWANA on Dec 22 and 29! Have a very merry Christmas!

CONNECTION POINTS:

Adult Bible Fellowship Information

Walking in the Truth - WIT (Bible Literacy) - 9:00 AM, Chapel

The WIT group is wrapping up their study on the life of Christ. Keying in on Jesus' strategy to make disciple-makers, they will be looking to better understand and put into practice the principles He lived out. Come join in!

Builders ABF (Parents with kids in the home) - 9:15 AM, Rm 143

They're finishing up their fall study *Grace Based Parenting*. In these sessions, they've looked closer at a realistic job description for raising spiritually strong children. They'll also spend some time focused in on the character of Jesus this advent season. Come and connect!

PrayerWorks Fellowship (Prayer Focused) – 10:45 AM, Rm 125 (by nursery)

This prayer fellowship focuses prayer weekly on our church family, missionaries we have sent out, our local community, and the world. Come pray with us!

CONNECTION POINTS:

The Edge (College & Career) – 10:45 AM, Rm 128

This young adult group will be looking deeper in the life of Christ as they learn and seek to put into practice Jesus' strategy for making disciple-makers. Come connect in with them!

MOSAIC Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM at FBC, for singles: college to age 29.

Mosaic is a ministry for young singles (typically in their 20s) to be able to connect and grow in their Christian walk. There is a time of fellowship over food, followed by a study time. No Mosaic on Dec 23 & 30.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:30–11:30 AM, beginning Jan. 11

"The Way Home: God's Invitation to New Beginnings" by Tessa Afshar

The story of Ruth is a remarkable tale of bravery, calling, and God's provision, and it will come to life in new ways as you dig deep in this 6-week Bible study. Tessa Afshar, author of award-winning biblical and historical fiction, teaches you how to study the text, discern meaning, pray through it, and live it out. She'll show you how to draw on the same strength and courage that Ruth did and accept God's invitation to new beginnings in your own life. Sign up in the foyer or at faithb.org. Questions? Contact Mary Tiedeman, 515.867.0659.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Eve
Living the spirit of Christmas
Adore Him with us!
DEC 24, 5 PM
Christmas Eve is a special time.
We'd be honored if you would choose to join us in a time of worship on this holy night.
Worship service at 5pm.
Spiced apple cider available in the foyer afterwards to share with friends, both old and new.

SERMON NOTES

“The Spirit Brings Joy”
Luke 1:39-56
December 12, 2021
Message by: Steve Benton

- I. Joy will fill our lives at the thought of Jesus’ birth if the Spirit is controlling us (Luke 1:39-45).

- II. We must respond to God’s gracious provision of a Savior with praise (Luke 1:31-33).

Main Idea: We will have joy this Christmas if we allow the Holy Spirit to control us.

Applications:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Church:



Sundays, Dec. 26 and Jan 2 are Family Church Sundays. There will be no Sunday classes kindergarten through adult ABF’s. These Sundays are a great opportunity for families to be together in the worship service. There will be nursery and pre-school classes available.

December 26 will be the last Sunday to give your contribution for 2021. Donations that are written and postmarked or completed online at www.faithb.org/give on or before December 31 will qualify for a charitable contribution for 2021. Reminder that you can access your giving history through your Faith Bible Breeze account.

Advance Donations:

We have been asked if donor(s) may make their 2022 donation early, specifically, by the end of 2021. The answer is yes. We have developed a procedure to accomplish receiving the donation in the 2021 calendar year, but allocating based on donor wishes in 2022. Please contact Doug Laird at 319.360.8577, or dlaird@skogman.com, if you would like to discuss this further.

MEN’S POTLUCK BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:30AM



The men of Faith Bible Church are invited to join the men’s Bible study for their **annual Christmas breakfast potluck**. Bring a breakfast item to share on Wednesday, December 15 (6:30-7:30am) and join other men of Faith for a time of fellowship in the **FBC gym**. Questions? Contact pastor Levi (levi@faith-cr.org). No Men’s Ministry on Dec. 22 & 29.

NO BREAKFAST OR HOT DRINKS ON DEC. 26

With the Christmas holiday and Family Church, there will be no breakfast fellowship offerings on Sunday, Dec. 26.